



AGRI-FACTS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250
Washington Field Office • Olympia, WA 98507



Released on January 17, 2006

Contact: Chris Messer (360)902-1940
nass-wa@nass.usda.gov

DECEMBER 2005 REVIEW

Unseasonably cold temperatures with no rainfall were experienced throughout the state for the first half of December. Mountain areas were covered with snow. For the rest of the month, state experienced mild temperatures, wet conditions, fog, and heavy rainfall. Substantial rainfall was beneficial to dryland wheat and seeded CRP fields. Many rivers approached flood stage but no serious flooding occurred. Winter wheat and alfalfa crops were covered by snow. Winter wheat fields were reported mostly in fair to good condition. Christmas tree growers enjoyed nearly ideal harvest conditions for the first three weeks of the month. U-Cut Christmas tree farms were busy all month. Some cattle were still out on ranges with supplemental forage being fed while the majority of cattle were on full feeding. Greenhouse tomato growers sowed seed at the end of the month for the 2006 crop.

GRAIN STOCKS: DEC. 1, 2004, SEP. 1, 2005, & DEC. 1, 2005

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
Wheat	1,000 Bushels								
Dec. 1, 2004	17,500	94,353	111,853	54,000	143,339	197,339	531,020	899,306	1,430,326
Sep. 1, 2005	22,000	122,444	144,444	67,000	193,384	260,384	721,360	1,201,931	1,923,291
Dec. 1, 2005	16,000	100,600	116,600	50,000	156,053	206,053	513,000	916,531	1,429,531
Barley									
Dec. 1, 2004	2,000	9,787	11,787	26,400	31,194	57,594	130,700	115,276	245,976
Sep. 1, 2005	2,000	9,041	11,041	31,800	42,257	74,057	137,400	117,511	254,911
Dec. 1, 2005	1,300	6,542	7,842	24,850	37,438	62,288	103,650	104,335	207,985
Oats									
Dec. 1, 2004	*	307	*	*	1,137	*	60,400	44,513	104,913
Sep. 1, 2005	*	206	*	*	998	*	71,700	41,803	113,503
Dec. 1, 2005	*	138	*	*	758	*	60,100	35,635	95,735
Corn									
Dec. 1, 2004	*	12,389	*	*	*	*	6,144,000	3,308,488	9,452,488
Sep. 1, 2005	*	5,639	*	*	*	*	820,500	1,293,472	2,113,972
Dec. 1, 2005	*	12,331	*	*	15,462	*	6,325,000	3,487,835	9,812,835

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. 2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. *Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

ANNUAL FIELD CROP SUMMARY

Crop	Washington Summary						Pacific NW 1/		United States		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2004	2005 4/		2004	2005 4/	2004	2005 4/	2004	2005 4/	2004	2005 4/
	1,000 Acres					1,000		1,000		1,000	
All Wheat	2,275	2,225	Bu.	63.1	62.6	143,500	139,300	301,190	293,450	2,158,245	2,104,690
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,800	Bu.	67.0	67.0	117,250	120,600	227,830	234,610	1,499,434	1,499,129
Spring Wheat	525	425	Bu.	50.0	44.0	26,250	18,700	73,360	57,080	568,918	504,456
Barley	245	205	Bu.	70.0	61.0	17,150	12,505	81,768	66,730	279,743	211,896
Oats	7	8	Bu.	88.0	75.0	616	600	3,996	3,284	115,695	114,878
Corn, Grain	105	80	Bu.	200.0	205.0	21,000	16,400	38,510	30,600	11,807,086	11,112,072
Corn, Silage	65	70	Tons	26.0	27.0	1,690	1,890	6,415	7,123	107,293	106,311
All Hay	790	740	Tons	4.29	4.34	3,392	3,210	12,366	11,732	158,247	150,590
Alfalfa	480	450	Tons	5.0	5.2	2,400	2,340	9,184	8,888	75,481	75,771
Other	310	290	Tons	3.2	3.0	992	870	3,182	2,844	82,766	74,819
Peppermint	24.0	23	Lbs.	120	115	2,880	2,645	6,345	6,230	7,236	6,980
Spearmint	9.5	10.5	Lbs.	145	135	1,378	1,418	1,653	1,745	1,839	1,933
Sugarbeets	3.8	1.7	Tons	37.9	40.6	144	69	6,050	5,102	30,021	27,654
Dry Edible Beans 3/	29.0	48.0	Cwt.	21.0	16.5	609	792	2,363	2,830	17,788	27,222
Dry Edible Peas 2/	87	78	Cwt.	24.0	17.0	2,088	1,326	3,227	2,022	11,419	14,003
Lentils	93	84	Cwt.	12.0	0.9	1,116	756	1,886	1,323	4,182	5,163
Hops	19.4	21.1	Lbs.	2,137	1,871	41,426.9	39,469.6	55,203.9	52,914.5	55,203.9	52,914.5
Potatoes, Fall	159	154	Cwt.	590	620	93,810	95,480	245,555	234,478	456,041	420,879

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington; lentils exclude Oregon. 2/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

3/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production are on a clean basis. 4/ Updated from "Small Grains 2005 Summary" released 9/30/05.

Washington's 2006 Winter Wheat Seeding Unchanged from 2005

Washington winter wheat producers have seeded an estimated 1.85 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2006. This is unchanged from 2005 despite seeding beginning late and some early concerns about moisture supplies. Nationally, the planted area for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. Winter wheat seeded in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) totaled 3.40 million acres, 1 percent below the 2005 crop but 1 percent above the 2004 crop. Idaho growers seeded 750,000 acres, compared with 770,000 acres last year, and Oregon farmers seeded 800,000 acres compared with 830,000 the previous year.

Seeding in the U. S. began last August and was behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas and allowed seeding to advance ahead of the 5-year average during the latter part of the month as mild and dry weather conditions prevailed. Nearly all of the U. S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. The U. S. winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 52 percent good to excellent compared with 76 percent last year.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 29.9 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Soft Red Winter (SRW) area, at about 7.3 million acres, is up 19 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded area totals 4.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005.

Winter Wheat Seedings for 2003-2005

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, By State & United States, 2003-2005									
State	Crop			2006/ 2005	State	Crop			2006/ 2005
	2004	2005	2006			2004	2005	2006	
	1,000 Acres			Percent		1,000 Acres			Percent
Alabama	120	100	100	100	Nevada	6	8	16	200
Arizona	5	5	4	80	New Jersey	28	28	23	82
Arkansas	670	220	370	168	New Mexico	490	450	440	98
California	560	495	430	87	N. York	105	100	130	130
Colorado	2,300	2,550	2,400	94	N. Carolina	600	560	550	98
Delaware	50	52	48	92	N. Dakota	245	310	180	58
Florida	18	18	18	100	Ohio	920	860	990	115
Georgia	330	280	300	107	Oklahoma	6,200	5,700	5,800	102
Idaho	750	770	750	97	Oregon	820	830	800	96
Illinois	920	630	860	137	Pennsylvania	140	150	160	107
Indiana	450	360	460	128	S. Carolina	190	170	140	82
Iowa	28	20	25	125	S. Dakota	1,650	1,550	1,350	87
Kansas	10,000	10,000	10,200	102	Tennessee	400	240	300	125
Kentucky	530	390	390	100	Texas	6,300	5,500	5,800	105
Louisiana	180	110	110	100	Utah	130	145	135	93
Maryland	160	155	180	116	Virginia	210	180	200	111
Michigan	660	600	610	102	Washington	1,800	1,850	1,850	100
Minnesota	27	20	30	150	W. Virginia	8	7	8	114
Mississippi	160	70	60	86	Wisconsin	240	200	250	125
Missouri	1,050	590	1,000	169	Wyoming	150	160	150	94
Montana	1,900	2,150	2,000	93	United States	43,350	40,433	41,367	102
Nebraska	1,850	1,850	1,750	95					

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2003-2005 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Durum	
	1,000 Bushels										
2003	1,070,996	380,435			265,290	499,674			31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005 3/	929,820	309,021	25,279	235,009	260,288	466,587	4,530	33,339	37,869	101,105	2,104,690

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data.

2/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates not available prior to 2005.

3/ Update from "Small Grains 2005 Summary" released September 30, 2005.

FORAGE PRODUCTION, WASHINGTON, 2005

	Harvested		Yield		Production		Dry Equivalent	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons			
Greenchop & haylage:								
Alfalfa	15	22	6.00	8.00	90	176	44	87
Other	70	70	9.00	10.70	630	749	311	370
Total	85	92	8.47	10.05	720	925	355	457
All Dry Hay:								
Alfalfa	480	450	5.00	5.20	2,400	2,340	2,400	2,340
Other	310	290	3.20	3.00	992	870	992	870
Total	790	740	4.29	4.34	3,392	3,210	3,392	3,210
All Forage	845	800	4.43	4.58			3,747	3,667

Forage production includes all forms of harvested hay on a dry equivalent basis. Haylage production is based on haylage weight at harvest and then converted to dry equivalent production. Factors used were: one ton of dry, baled hay = 0.87 tons dry matter; one ton of haylage = 0.45 tons dry matter; one ton of greenchop = 0.25 tons dry matter; greenchop = 10 percent of haylage production. The combined conversion factor is .4943 to convert greenchop and haylage to dry weight equivalent.

HAY STOCKS

Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	United States
	1,000 Tons			
<u>2004:</u>				
Production	3,392	3,624	5,350	158,247
Stocks:				
Dec. 1, 2004	1,560	2,366	2,782	114,516
May 1, 2005	322	362	535	27,758
<u>2005:</u>				
Production	3,210	3,140	5,382	150,590
Stocks:				
Dec. 1, 2005	1,475	1,790	2,260	105,056

PRICES RECEIVED

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLAR/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Dec. 2005	Entire Month		Preliminary Dec. 2005	U.S. Parity Price
		Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005		Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.62	3.45	3.37	3.40	3.47	3.47	10.60
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.58	3.17	3.14	3.34	3.29	3.30	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.81	4.10	3.90	3.48	3.73	3.71	-
Barley, All	Bu.	1.94	2.03	2.11	2.49	2.64	2.54	7.17
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.04	1.77	1.88	7.08
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.60	1.63	1.73	4.20
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.10	11.40	11.40	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	27.00	18.30	18.60	53.60
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.68	4.77	4.85	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	24.10	25.40	27.60	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.20	5.55	5.55	5.36	6.31	6.60	15.90
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.10	4.60	-	5.23	4.87	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	108.00	116.00	116.00	86.00	91.70	92.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	105.00	115.00	115.00	92.10	97.50	97.70	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	115.00	120.00	120.00	72.40	76.30	78.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.77
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.223	0.287	0.263	0.222	0.282	0.265	0.555
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	-	-	-	86.80	91.30	92.70	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	91.90	97.30	99.10	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	122.00	133.00	135.00	249.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.390	0.420	0.390	-
Eggs, Market 1/	Doz.	0.540	0.550	0.590	0.488	0.482	0.564	1.79
Milk, All Wholesale 5/	Cwt.	16.10	15.10	14.70	16.40	15.10	14.70	37.50
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	52.40	43.60	45.50	114.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	44.60	45.40	-	89.80
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	101.00	107.00	-	223.00

1/ Mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for WA, NY, and CA, and prices as sold for other states.

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

4/ Liveweight equivalent price.

5/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.